



Commencement

May 16, 2015

WELCOME

Congratulations to each of you on this special day! In order to ensure everyone's enjoyment, we ask that you observe our guidelines below.

Ticketed guests are invited to be seated in the Dunham Student Activity Center in designated areas on the gym floor, in the bleachers, or in the Alumni Caf' on the second floor. The ceremony will be simulcast on closed circuit television in the Alumni Caf'. There is also additional seating for both ticketed and non-ticketed guests in the Lewis Room on the lower level of the Jack C. Taylor Library where the ceremony will also be simulcast.

In order to keep distractions to a minimum, entrance into the Dunham Student Activity Center will be interrupted once the processional has started and until all of the participants have been seated. Out of respect for our graduates, please turn off the ringer on your cell phones and avoid conversations with fellow guests so that everyone may hear the speakers' presentations and the graduates' names as they are announced.

For safety reasons, during the ceremonies, guests are not allowed to stand in the following areas in the Dunham Student Activity Center:

- the main entrance lobby
- the hallway at the south end of the gym floor directly behind guest seating
- the second floor hallway on the west side of the gym above the bleachers
- the third floor running track

Restrooms are located in the Dunham Student Activity Center on the main floor directly behind the guest seating area, the south side of the main entrance, and on the second floor at the east end of the Alumni Caf'. Restrooms are located on the second floor of Ryan Hall and in the Library on the east hallways on all three floors. Fontbonne is a tobacco-free campus.

A professional photographer will take individual pictures of all graduates as they cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

At the end of the ceremony, if you are in the Dunham Student Activity Center, please remain seated until the graduates have left the building. At that time, we encourage you to use the exit doors closest to you. Exits are located at the north end of the gym floor on either side of the stage, at the southeast end of the gym floor directly behind the guest seating area, and at the main entrance to the building. You may meet your graduates outside.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

GRADUATE CEREMONY

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10 a.m.

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| Invocation..... | Lori Helfrich, M.Div. <i>Director of Campus Ministry</i> |
| Star Spangled Banner..... | Michelle Palumbo, M.A., B.S. '02 <i>Associate Vice President for Admissions</i> |
| Welcome and Introduction..... | J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i> Gary Krosch <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i> |
| Remarks by Graduating Student..... | Ethan Kristek, M.S. '15 |
| Conferring of Honorary Degree..... | J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i> |
| Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... | J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President</i> |
| Commencement Address..... | Leah T. Gunning Francis, Ph.D. <i>Eden Theological Seminary</i> |
| Presentation of Graduates | Heather M. Norton, Ph.D. <i>Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs</i> |
| Conferring of Degrees..... | J. Michael Pressimone, Ed.D. <i>President, Fontbonne University</i> |
| Welcome to the Alumni Association..... | Jennifer Millikan, M.A., B.S. '96 <i>President-elect of the Fontbonne Alumni Association</i> |
| Alumni Chain Ceremony..... | Stephanie Heth, M.A.T. '15 Loretta Dunkmann, M.S. '15 |
| Benediction..... | Karen Gedera, M.B.A., B.A. '65 <i>Member, Board of Trustees</i> |

All graduating students are invited to participate in our traditional celebratory
"Ringing of the Bell" in the Golden Meadow immediately after the ceremony.

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

Michael Adam Kemper

Blake Thomas Walker

Brock R. Walker

MASTER OF ARTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

Debra Suzanne Akin

Dawn M. Gano

Sarra Sanhori

Cynthia M. Chafin

Robert Caleb King*

Tanya L. Tweedy

Angela Sue Doerr *

Julie A. Laury

Rebecca Kaye Webb

Nathaniel L. Gaefcke

Laura Morris Lebeda

Ann M. Witte

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Early Intervention in Deaf Education

Emily Margaret Clark*

Lindsay Diane Jacobs*

Stefani L. Paul*

Margaret L. Gibbs*

Christal Mae Lucas

Brittany Morgan Rosener*

Rachel Annette Holtman*

Jasmine Renee Owens*

Department of Education/Special Education

Kari Michelle Farrell

Caroline Anne Renfro

Jessica Erin Tilson

Nila Marie Gorman

Amy J. Ryan

Allison Nicole Wienke

Alicia K. Green

Megan Lynn Scott

Lauren D. Young

Rhonda Berneen Johnson

Cindy L. Shuck

Sarah M. Zinkl

Allison Elizabeth Price

Tomeika Marie Stokes

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Coretta Shanice

Lisa K. Exner

Danica Michelle Pelzel

Rachelle Browne

Megan Ann Haeberlin

Alexandra Marie Schmitz

Tabitha S. Burston

Korynn Marie Kelly

Emily Ruth Sims

Hannah L. Carroll

Jennifer L. Miller

Ta'Reell L. Tillman*

Amanda Lynn Chitty

Laura Mittler

Nicole L. VandeVen

Rebecca L. Ehlich

Carol L. Pariani

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Education/Special Education

Jamie Marie Barbaglia

Katherine Elizabeth Conder

Ellen M. Hoffmann

Dominique E. Bullock

Dave Lee Edwards

Chrystal L. Johnson

Amanda Leigh Calhoun

Jessica Marie Garcia

Jennifer Lynn Johnston*

Serena L. Chambers

Rebecca Louise Hare

Samantha Jean Kempf

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (continued)

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Education/Special Education

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Courtney McDonald | Brenda J. Reed | Alison Anne Taylor |
| Anne Elizabeth Meier | Christopher Aro Salaveria | Vicki Ray Tharp |
| Misti Mengel | Kerrien Noelle Sampson | Katie A. Todd |
| Shannon Rose Nortrup* | Regina Maria Sikorski | Joshua L. Vince |
| Lindsey Marie Pearson | Marlayne Simpson | Yashira Williams |
| Rachel N. Raineri | Meira Sondov-Gold* | Chelsea Marie Wipfler |

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Stephanie Kathryn Heth

Erin M. McGrath

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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| Kelly C. Anderson | Ariunzaya Iderbayan* | Shiqing Pei** |
| Shaharia Arifat | Hong Jiang** | Eric Lawson Pfeiffer |
| Jalonda Michelle Auberry | Janice Marie Johnson | Timothy J. Pratt |
| Antoinette Austin | Lawrence W. Laury | Carla Annette Purnell |
| Kristina Noreen Bryowsky | Tzu-En Lee | Shruthi Purushothama ⁺ |
| Lynnette Rochelle Burrows | Pijush Lodh | Rosanna Elena Randazzo |
| Rachel Colleen Calcaterra* | Amy E. Maassen | Shuying Sai** |
| Xiao Hui Chen* | Vedran Marjanovic | Heather M. Sarrazin |
| Lynn Crawford | Nathanael Frederick Marks | Lauren Raye Sauer |
| Richard Craig Davis | Vernique Danielle May* | Mozammal Hoque Shihab |
| William A. Davis | Mark Robert Meyer | Chris S. Short |
| Timothy R. Dillon | Xin Ming** | Daniel José Tirado |
| Megan Dwyer | Jay R. Mistry | William Glenn |
| David Charles Feldmann | Lisa Michele Null | Van Sambeek |
| Jervon M. Gates* | Jennifer Ann O'Brien | Zheng Wang |
| Lauren Elizabeth Gawrys | Bryan P. O'Day | Marla Shontay Wells |
| Jenna Michelle Grush | Katherine Elizabeth Oliver | Pu Xie |
| Lien Huynh | | |

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Alicia Hottle-Sippy | JeanJoel M. Spatafora | Elizabeth M. Willey |
| Xhevaire Otten | David T. Werner | |

*August 15, 2015 graduation

**December 18, 2015 graduation

⁺Dual Degrees

MASTER OF MANAGEMENT

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Keisha Denise Adams | Michael John Fuson | Ashley Anise Mims |
| James G. Benitez | Jill Diane Hofherr | Alexandra Leigh Miner |
| Marquis L. Biggs | Delah Renee Jones | Ann K. Moeser-Mendoza |
| Eric Charles Bland | Kevin S. Lange | Courtney E. Musial |
| Renee Jean Bowers | Theresa Allman Loeffler | Sally Patricia Price |
| Rodney Lee Brown | Allen L. Logan Jr. | Alfreda C. Simmons |
| LoRita C. Cables | Elizabeth M. Loomis | Tiffany S. Taylor* |
| Dana Marcia Cook-Neal | Brian M. Lovellette | James Harold Wickerham Jr. |
| Angelalatina Keesha-Renee Draper-Young | Joycelyn Nicole Martin | Julie Wiese |
| | Christopher James Miller | Danielle Lea Wilkerson |

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Amy Elizabeth Aboussie | Kathleen E. Hall | Kenny Nguyen |
| John C. Adams | Nicholas V. Hellmann | Shruthi Purushothama ⁺ |
| Masani R. Coleman | Elizabeth M. Hise Brennan | Kaliantha M. Riddick* |
| Shane Michael Conzelman | Leonard Lawson | Michael Joseph Sklander |
| Charles P. Davis | Wilfert Lee | Gary E. Taylor |
| Darrell G. Davis | Stacy L. Lietz | Kimberly Ann Tortora |
| Stacy L. Dover | Michael R. Loreaux | Sunshine Walters |
| Sherilyn J. Fees | Elizabeth E. McGee-Malott* | Yue Wang** |
| Joshua S. Gabor | Amy Kathleen Meyers | Robert Justin Woodall |

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Mathematics and Computer

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Stacy L. Barbee | Jane E. Knerr | Sarah E Miniea |
| LaToya Marie Johnston | Lori Kovarik | |

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Speech-Language Pathology

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Carolyn A. Albrecht | Nicole S. Edwin | Ethan David Kristek |
| Lara Buck Antolik | Dina Esther Florans | Isabella Ting-Wen Liu |
| Kelly Michele Berry | Delaney Elizabeth Fuchs | Carolyn Ann McManus |
| Kelcey Lee Bylo | Kerry M. Hannon | Nathalia Noemi McPeak |
| Andrea Shay Darveau | Allison Nicole Hill | Sarah D. Morgan |
| Julia Marie Douglass | Erica Starr Johnson | Angela Marie Newton |
| Loretta Marie Dunkmann | Kelsey Danielle Jungermann | Kristen Rose Rehagen |

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MASTER OF SCIENCE (continued)
College of Education and Allied Health Professions
Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education
Speech-Language Pathology

Anna Elizabeth Scott
Sumeja Seferovic

Brittany Elizabeth Stefan
Andrea Vargas

Lauren Mackenzie Vicars*
Susan Elizabeth Whitley

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION
Bonnie and L. B. Eckelkamp College of
Global Business and Professional Studies

Carolyn R. Biagi
Tonja Lynn Casey
Sarah J. Dietrich Engbert

Gary M. Dreher
Sandra B. Kapsar
Pamela A. Lane

Michelle C. Loreaux
James P. McNamee
Andrew R. Weckbach

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***December 18, 2015 graduation*

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

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| Alumni Hood Award | Karina Arango, B.A. '15 |
| Teaching Awards Presentation..... | Claire Toler, B.S.W. '15 |
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Celebrating 50 Years

Leading today's procession are members of the class of 1965.

We are honored by their presence.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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| Hawra Mohammed Alsaihati** | Tanya Y. Dunlap DaRhonda LaTorrie Fitch | Myshell N. Lester Chauncey Levi Nelson |
| Chasity Monique Baskin | Keisha M. Green | Megan Ashley O'Brien |
| Tashera S. Boyd* | Nina La'Andra Greene | Melanie M. Randels* |
| Diane Lynn Budde | Nicole Janine Hardnett | Andrey J. Ross* |
| Scheron A. Courson | Alexander M. Hill | Jamie Elizabeth Farrar |
| Shayla D. Davis* | Michael A. Hunt II | Williams <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Catherine A. Diestelkamp | Corie D. Krisch | |

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Behavioral Sciences

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Christina Renee Finch | Francine Wei Ling Goh** | Donna Reed Stokes |
| Heather Anne Girardin | | |

Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

ZhaBrianna A. Keller

Department of English and Communication

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|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Karina Arango | Tyler James Fernandez <i>University Scholar</i> | Liza Boyce Mannion* |
| Melanie Mary Catherine Baker | Shannon Kathleen Fitzpatrick <i>summa cum laude</i> | Anne Catherine Oefelein |
| Matthew Harold Bohlmann | Caitlin Olivia Gaines* | Amanda Rose Teeter |
| Christopher A. Bush* | Timothy David Lehmann | Justin Thomas Williams |

Department of Fine Arts

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Patrick Alan Brown | Sydney Elizabeth Frasure | Alisa R. Saddler |
| Jennifer A. Dischbein | Heather N. Mathews | |

Department of History, Philosophy, and Religion

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| Trevor Dale Branson* | Lucy M. Paasch <i>cum laude</i> | Greg P. Tepe <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Amber M. Hozian | | |

Department of Social Work

Christopher Kit Crancer

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

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| Alyssa D. Grubbs | Melissa Dawn Jensen* | Amber Louise Jordan |
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BACHELOR OF ARTS (continued)

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Education/Special Education

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|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Jennifer R. Aubuchon | Molly M. Hankamer | Andreana Rose Piantanida |
| Megan LeeAnn Buckner | Patricia A. Jenkins | Heather Kristine Pollman |
| Carmen L. Carr | Allison H. Johnson | Katherine Ann Schmelzle |
| Jessica Lynn Conderman | Keyana Ciera Lewis | <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Deanna Marie Crowe | Ellen E. Meyer | Alexis Luree Uitermark |
| Faith Jean Engel | Marcela A. Meyer | <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Jennifer L. Grawitch | Lara Mae Parker | Anastasia Yemchuk |
| McKenzie Ashten Green | | |
| <i>magna cum laude</i> | | |

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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| Wesley D. Anderson | Christopher John Frazier | Eric L. Parsons** |
| Donna Theresa Brown | Erin Elizabeth Frazier | Erin Pearce** |
| Tina M. Cardosi | Christina M. Goodman | Jane Ellen Rogers |
| Rebecca A. Cress | Debbie A. Hankin | Dameronay Sar |
| Nicholas Maurice Cruse | <i>cum laude</i> | Trenika S. Starks |
| Julie A. Curtis | Jesse J. LaRue | Christina Marie Sutherland |
| <i>cum laude</i> | Pamela M. Martin | Stephanie A. Swartz |
| Christine Linette Down | Dan V. McCarthy | Charla J. Weinrich |
| Maurice Endsley | Chantel Marie Moore | Wayne A. Welker |
| Cameo Chanèl Foster | Lejla Niksic | Adrian Zepeda |

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Fine Arts

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Favian Scott Anello | Sheridan S. Hentrich | Andrew M. Singer |
| Stephanie R. Cuvar | <i>magna cum laude/</i> | Elizabeth Kim Tran |
| <i>magna cum laude</i> | <i>University Scholar</i> | Michael R. Tucker |
| | Joshua Scott Osburg | |

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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| Sumner Joseph Ahearn | Hazzaa N. Alkhaldi | Ahmad Abdullah Alseari** |
| Abdullah Khalid Al-Humaidi | Mazen Ahmed Alkhelaiwi** | Mohammad Ghanem |
| Rayyan Abdulhakim Alaujan | Yasser Mater Alotaibi* | Alshammari |
| Mutaz Aldughaythir** | Abdulrahman A. Alsalamah | Ahmed Saleh Alwadai |
| Ahmed Gassim Alferaih | Fahad Mohammed Alsaqabi** | Abdulaziz Ibrahim Ashour** |

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

Bonnie and L.B. Eckelkamp College of Global Business and Professional Studies

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| Hussam Essam Bakheet** | Aaron Jeffrey Graue | Carlyn M. Parent <i>magna cum laude/ University Scholar</i> |
| Lauren Nicole Barganz* | Lee Aaron Hamilton <i>magna cum laude</i> | Aaron G. A. Pavese*** |
| Michael B. Cawthon | Ashleigh M. Hatcher* | Alexis O. Picou |
| Jesse Robert Cook | Abigail Jane Jeffries | Kelly Catherine Pinter |
| Sara Estefania Correa Zenck <i>summa cum laude</i> | Kristie Nicole Keiser* | Taylor M. Pratte |
| Chrystin Aliedia-Elyse Craig | Raymond L. Kerr | Ian Jay Eugene Price |
| Emily M. Davenport | Kimberly Dawn Mary Krupp* | Sikora Ann Ruiz |
| Gunter B. DeZurik*** | Wesley Joel Laney | Heather M. Ryan |
| Yedata T. Demisse | Kimberly Renee Laub* | Rachel K. Schmidt <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Arthur Antonino Duarte*** <i>cum laude</i> | Joe E. Layton | Zachary J. Schuchardt |
| Stephen Duff | DiemMi Ngoc LeTran | Alissa Jeanne Selestak |
| Andrew D. Dye | Conner Joy Lundius <i>summa cum laude/ University Scholar</i> | Katherine Anne St. Onge* |
| Ryan L. Essenpreis | Catalina Manzur Giacobbe** | Benjamin Patrick Stratton II |
| Brittney N. Flamm | Sarah Kaitlin McDonough | Joseph Ronald Tibbles |
| Dean B. Ford | Juan Norvel McKissic | Wing Sze Karina Tsang |
| Katherine Ann Gasquet | Michael C. Moore | Ricky Joe Walden |
| Michael D. Gibson | Abdulrahman Khalid Naqa** | Matt J. Wallis |
| Morgan Alexandria Gillespie* | Bryant DeShun Nelson | Amanda Michelle Wherle |
| Danielle Erin Glixman*** <i>cum laude</i> | John Louis Oliverio | David Matthew Withers*** |
| | Austin Parker Onstott | Qingbo Ye** |

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Behavioral Sciences

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| Jennifer N. Berry | Erica Denise Lee | Megan Lindsay Phifer <i>cum laude</i> |
| Kyle R Cross | Starsha R. Nash* | Kelsie M. Rook |
| Mary Rose Gilman | Erin Leigh O'Brien | Karie Alane Thompson |
| Mary Elizabeth Holowatuk <i>summa cum laude</i> | Steven Allen Ong* | Kayla P. Thorpe |
| | Kathryn D. Palacios | |

Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

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| Carl J. Alsbach II | Dawn Nichole Dickerson <i>summa cum laude</i> | Adam Joseph Rhoads |
| Kory Hinton Carter | Madeleine R. Favuzza | Sarah Michelle Stimage |
| Andre' Domenico Collini | | Alison C. Weber |

Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences

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| Muhannad Abdulaziz Aljomaee** | Anthony Joseph Dulay | Mark J. Kurtz <i>cum laude</i> |
| Kimberly A. Brennan** | Brett Robert Freund | Marissa Nicole Pernikoff |
| | Daniel Joseph Knerr | |

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (continued)

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Kyle Aaron Roehrs***
Larah Marie Rogg
summa cum laude

Elizabeth Claire Sippel
summa cum laude

Yishi Wang*

College of Education and Allied Health Professions

Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education

Brianna Melisha Benoit
Haley E. Clark
Allison Marie Clayton
Jennifer J. Daeumler
Johanna Rose Elkana-Hale
Jasmine Renée Ewell
Ian Farmer
cum laude
Lucy E. Fuller

Emily Marie Geringer
summa cum laude
Julia Marie Gust
summa cum laude/
University Scholar
Amy Nicole Hake
Meghan Michelle Kiely
Samantha Nicole Kueker
Shannon M. Lefler
summa cum laude/
University Scholar

Heather Rachelle McCrory
Amanda Kay Minor
Christine Jean Rich
summa cum laude/
University Scholar
Brittany Nicole Smith
Kaitlin Alexandra Smith
Megan Taylor
Alyson Kay Wilkey

Department of Education/Special Education

Jacqueline Shadea Burnam*
Heather M. Cloud
Jeanne Eveld
summa cum laude
Christine Renee Graff
Sara R. Grupe
Allison Anne Hartzell
cum laude
Kaitlyn Frances Hayes
Tanya M. Hubbard
Allison Joy Jameson
Eric Hites Jenkins

Jamie Nicole Kessler
Erinn C. Leonard
Sarah Elizabeth Mercier
Terrell Mobley
Amanda Danielle Pfeil
Mary K. Ryan
cum laude
Tatiana Ilona Sheffer
Katelyn Marie Slattery
Guillermina Spies
Erica Marie Suchland
summa cum laude/
University Scholar

Leah M. Sutkowski
Adam Christopher Taylor
Callie Elizabeth Tinnea
cum laude
Linsey Michelle
Warmbrodt
Nicole Michelle Wessling
Stephanie N. Williams
Alexandra Elise Ziegler

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Amber Nicole Bernel
Brittany K. Biggs
Julia Katharine Brandt
Lisa Lea Crites
Ernestine Dodson
Sarah Flynn Drayton

Cassandra Hope Glixman
magna cum laude
Dawn Jeanean Gorden
Morgan L. Gregor
summa cum laude
Sandra Allison Hentz
cum laude

Bethany Ann Hultstrand
Alexandra Sara Imo
Andrea Lynne Puricelli
Krystal Victoria Simmons

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Social Work

Brooke D. Angel
magna cum laude

Anela Avdic

Claudia Ann Berry

Dawn Opal Bess

Olivia Grace Butler

Brittany Ann Christensen

Doreen Denean Colenburg
cum laude

Yvette J. Ford

Samantha Jolene Gildehaus
summa cum laude

Catrina Dashae Gregory

Adonika Diamond Isom-Smith

Holly Anne Kennedy

Treniece Triplett King

Jennifer Michelle Loser

Shaneda Lynch

Kaycee Marie Maurer

Johanna Sarah McKiddy
cum laude

Marsha Lenae Nelson

Tiffany Dawn Niswonger*

Brandii Rene Palmisano
summa cum laude

Destiny LeeAnne Poertner

Claire Louise Toler

summa cum laude

Brigitte Genita Williams

Natalie D. Williams

HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Leah Gunning Francis is the Associate Dean of Contextual Education at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. She is an award-winning guest lecturer, preacher and workshop facilitator who draws on her marketing experience, pastoral leadership and academic training to creatively equip students, clergy and congregations for transformative social action. She has devoted her career to the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of women, men and children, with particular interest in underserved and minority communities.

Dr. Gunning Francis earned her bachelor's degree from Hampton University, master's degree from Emory University and doctorate from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. A native of Willingboro, N.J., Dr. Gunning Francis and her husband, Rev. Rodney Francis, now reside in St. Louis with their two sons, Evan and Desmond.

Dr. Leah Gunning Francis

Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
This Sixteenth day of May, Two Thousand and Fifteen

TEACHING AWARDS

Each year Fontbonne University publically celebrates and recognizes the importance of outstanding teaching by both full and part-time faculty. This tradition began with full-time faculty members through the Joan Goostree Stevens Award for Excellence in Teaching and has expanded to include part-time faculty members in recognition of their excellent contributions to student learning. The recipients of these awards are chosen by a faculty member's students and peers. These individuals will be honored in today's ceremony and are further acknowledged through a plaque and a monetary award. Their photographs are displayed outside the Office of the President in Ryan Hall, Fontbonne's administrative building.

The 2015 Goostree Stevens Award for Excellence in Teaching honoree is
Sharon M. Jackson M.S.W; L.C.S.W, Chair of the Department of Social Work.

The 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award for Part-Time Faculty is **Erica Fishel, Ph.D.**,
Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

To earn the distinction of University Scholar at Commencement, a student must have fulfilled the requirements of the Honors Program, including 15 credit hours of honors seminars and courses and a senior honors project.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHAIN CEREMONY

In 1927, the first class of Fontbonne began a tradition that is carried on today. Originally connected to the shovel used for Fontbonne's ground-breaking in 1924, a bronze chain bears the year of the first graduating class at its head, and each subsequent graduating class is connected by square links inscribed with each graduation year. A new link is added each year at commencement ceremonies to continue this unique part of the University's history.

DECADE BANNERS

The banners displayed near the stage during commencement represent each decade of graduates in Fontbonne's history. The purple and gold banners display the school colors in remembrance of the more than 18,000 alumni who have graduated from Fontbonne since the first class in 1927.

THE MEANING OF THE SEAL

The Fontbonne seal contains elements that deal with the University and with the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Fontbonne's sponsoring body. The fleur-de-lis, a French word for lily, is the symbol of the French royal family. In the Fontbonne seal, the fleur-de-lis symbolizes the French origin of the Sisters of St. Joseph, founded in France in 1650. The six fleur-de-lis in the seal represent the first six Sisters who came to the U.S. in 1836. The lily is also the signature of St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Latin words, "Virtus et Scientia," indicate the nature of Fontbonne's mission and can be translated as "virtue and knowledge," "valor and erudition," "religion and scholarship."

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

The women of the class of 1949 donated a bell for the Ryan Hall Chapel. For many years, the bell was rung for a variety of occasions including daily prayers. It is believed that the bell was also rung at each commencement, with the number of rings coinciding with the year of the graduating class (60 rings in 1960, 74 rings in 1974, and so on).

In 2000, a new tradition was started and the bell was rung one time for each graduating student as a way for Fontbonne to celebrate each individual student's effort and success. Now, all graduating students are invited to participate in the ringing. The bell rope will be lowered into the Golden Meadow so each student can ring the bell. This opportunity will be available for approximately 30 minutes after the commencement ceremony ends.

ACADEMIC DRESS

American academic dress consists of three types of gowns and three styles of hoods, adopted from commencement rituals of English universities. As early as the fourteenth century, the statutes of certain colleges prohibited "excess in apparel" and required the wearing of a long gown. It is still an open question as to whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. It is often suggested that gowns and hoods were the simplest and most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings which housed medieval scholars.

The bachelor's gown has long, pointed open sleeves with no ornamentation. The master's gown has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom but feature openings halfway down for the hands. The doctoral gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of caps and gowns is usually black; however, some universities feature doctoral gowns of distinctive colors. Many schools outside the United States have also adopted colorful gowns.

The doctoral hood is the longest and fullest. The major field of study can be determined from the velvet facing on the hood according to the following color scheme. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Fontbonne University's hood lining colors are purple and gold.

At commencement, undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of their mortarboards, moving it to the left when their degree is conferred.

The gold cord worn by undergraduates represents graduation honors. The purple and gold cord is worn by a University Scholar. Other cords and medallions represent honor societies in which graduates are members. The wearing of white stoles signifies participation in Academic Convocation. International students may be wearing stoles representative of their home country.

The academic procession is led by the faculty marshal. The marshal is traditionally the faculty member with the longest service to the university. Following the marshal are the degree candidates. Members of the Fontbonne University faculty and administrative staff then follow, wearing the academic dress of their respective degree-granting institutions. The procession ends with the Fontbonne University Board of Trustees and members of the platform party.

ACADEMIC COLORS

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| Accountancy, Business, Commerce..... | drab brown |
| Agriculture | maize yellow |
| Architecture..... | deep lilac |
| Arts, Humanities, Letters | white |
| Dentistry | lilac |
| Economics..... | copper |
| Education..... | light blue |
| Engineering..... | orange |
| Fine Arts | brown |
| Foreign Service, Public Administration | peacock blue |
| Forestry | russet brown |
| Journalism..... | crimson red |
| Law | purple |
| Library Science..... | lemon yellow |
| Medicine | green |
| Music..... | pink |
| Nursing..... | apricot |
| Oratory (Speech) | silver grey |
| Pharmacy | olive |
| Philosophy | royal blue |
| Physical Education..... | sage |
| Public Health | salmon pink |
| Science..... | gold |
| Social Work..... | citron yellow |
| Theology | scarlet red |
| Veterinary Science | grey |

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Fontbonne University, a Catholic coeducational institution of higher learning sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The university is dedicated to the discovery, understanding, preservation and dissemination of truth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered in an atmosphere characterized by a commitment to open communication, personal concern and diversity. Fontbonne University seeks to educate students to think critically, to act ethically and to assume responsibility as citizens and leaders.

Values

Fontbonne University honors the values and heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by fostering excellence, integrity, respect, diversity, community, justice, service, faith and Catholic identity.

Commitment

Fontbonne University is committed to:

- Achieving academic and educational excellence
- Advancing historical remembrance, critical reflection and moral resolve
- Promoting dialogue among diverse communities
- Demonstrating care and respect for each member of the community
- Serving the larger community
- Preparing individuals to be an ethical and responsible presence to the world.

Vision

Fontbonne University aspires to be a preferred destination, committed to providing a holistic learning experience rooted in excellence, for those seeking to be educated as leaders to serve a world in need and for those dedicated to educating them.

STATEMENT OF CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Fontbonne affirms its identity as a Catholic university. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, it is founded on the beliefs that all creation reveals God, that the ministry of Jesus began a process of redemption that extends to this day, and that the Holy Spirit continues to impart grace through the daily experiences of women and men. Among the many signs of God's grace are teaching and learning, which at Fontbonne are pursued by people sharing a variety of religious beliefs and an understanding of the importance of education.

"Catholic" means "universal" and "throughout the whole," like leaven permeating bread. The permeating quality of Fontbonne is our commitment to know, to love, and to serve the truth that unites faith and reason, nature and grace, the human and the divine. The desire for a greater understanding of creation and its Creator is one of the most profound expressions of human dignity. In this sense, to learn is to augment one's capacity for love so that the thoughtful and loving acts of an educated person are a witness to the transformation of the world that began with the Resurrection and continues with the enlivening of humanity. What makes us truly human helps to unite us with the divine as we seek to understand, love, and serve God and neighbor without distinction.

The permeating and universal nature of Catholicism gives rise to the mission and vision of this university. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we embrace openness and inclusiveness. Because Fontbonne is Catholic, we pursue educational excellence. And because Fontbonne is Catholic, we seek to recognize the presence of God in all creation and to participate in the continuing transformation of ourselves and a world in need.



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